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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Strategic Research
Acting Chief, MEAC/OSR

FROM : Major General Paul F. Gorman
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SUBJECT : MEAC Support for IIM on Northeast Asia Balance (U)

1. Your memorandum of 11 December was welcome. I am encouraged by the progress MEAC has made and the efforts underway to measure Soviet resource allocations for forces oriented toward Asia. I intend to write as much of your efforts as possible into the TORs. In particular, I look forward to the results of your trends analysis over the 1965-79 period for the development of forces in both the eastern and western theaters. (S)

2. Your methodology for "counting" forces appears reasonable. I believe, however, that we will have to address those forces which do not fall either into those opposite NATO or opposite China, size them for our readership, and discuss their role and the magnitude of defense resources allocated to them. (S)

3. With regard to the problems you point out, I am not now too concerned with shortcomings on the costs of theater C³ facilities and naval shore establishment. We will have to address future projections, however. I suspect we will have several baselines to work from: general extrapolation of trends; our estimates of projected Chinese developments [redacted] and, as you suggest, whatever projections we are able to make in the IIM itself. Such projections, of course, will be gross, but they should serve to size the magnitude of the Soviet effort in the near future. (S)

4. I hope to have further discussions with your people later in January when we begin specific planning for the IIM. (U)


Paul F. Gorman

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